CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method for tracking a performance of suppliers, comprising:

2   a)   registering a plurality of suppliers;

3   b)   receiving data utilizing a network, the data relating to the supply of goods to a

4   plurality of distributors by the registered suppliers; and

5   c)   tracking a performance of the registered suppliers utilizing the data.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the data includes inventory levels associated with

2   the goods.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the performance is tracked by comparing the

2   inventory levels with a plurality of target inventory levels.

1   4.   The method of claim 2, wherein the performance is tracked by comparing the

2   inventory levels with inventory levels associated with other suppliers.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the performance is displayed to the stores

2   utilizing a network-based interface.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, wherein the data is received from the stores.

1   7.   A system for tracking a performance of suppliers, comprising:

2   a)   logic for registering a plurality of suppliers;

3   b)   logic for receiving data utilizing a network, the data relating to the supply of

4   goods to a plurality of distributors by the registered suppliers; and

5   c)   logic for tracking a performance of the registered suppliers utilizing the data.

1   8.   The system of claim 7, wherein the data includes inventory levels associated with
2   the goods.

1   9.   The system of claim 8, wherein the performance is tracked by comparing the
2   inventory levels with a plurality of target inventory levels.

1   10. The system of claim 8, wherein the performance is tracked by comparing the
2   inventory levels with inventory levels associated with other suppliers.

1   11. The system of claim 7, wherein the performance is displayed to the stores
2   utilizing a network-based interface.

1   12. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is received from the stores.

1   13. A computer program product for tracking a performance of suppliers, comprising:
2   a)   computer code for registering a plurality of suppliers;
3   b)   computer code for receiving data utilizing a network, the data relating to the
4   supply of goods to a plurality of distributors by the registered suppliers; and
5   c)   computer code for tracking a performance of the registered suppliers utilizing the
6   data.

1   14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data includes inventory
2   levels associated with the goods.

1   15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the performance is tracked
2   by comparing the inventory levels with a plurality of target inventory levels.

1   16. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the performance is tracked
2   by comparing the inventory levels with inventory levels associated with other
3   suppliers.

1   17.   The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the performance is displayed

2   to the stores utilizing a network-based interface.

1   18.   The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is received from the

2   stores.